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ISHAN VIKAS AND ISHAN UDAY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved Ishan Vikas and Ishan Uday Scholarship Schemes for students of North-Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of these schemes;

(c) the details of funds allocated and the number of students likely to be benefited under the said schemes; and

(d) the details of other schemes/programmes of the Government to enhance the quality of education in the North-Eastern region particularly at the tertiary level?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Ishan Vikas programme, which the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati is coordinating, has the following components:

Visit of Class IX and Class XI students to 22 premier institutes [IITs, National Institutes of Techonology (NITs) and Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs)] with two groups in summer and one group in winter, consisting of 32 students each. Each group of 32 can be formed by taking 4 students from one single school in each of the eight North East states. Each school will send one teacher to accompany the students of that school, which means every group will consist of 32 students and 8 teachers.

Summer Internship for Engineering College students of the North-East for a duration of seven weeks at the Premier Institutes like IITs, NITs and IISERs. From 25 such Institutions, about 250 students will visit 16 IITs and 6 NITs every year.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development has approved release of Rs. 605.45 lakhs from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to IIT, Guwahati under the programme. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched "Ishan Uday" a Special Scholarship Scheme for North East Region (NER) from academic session 2014-15. Under the scheme ten thousand fresh scholarships are to be provided for general degree course, technical and professional courses including medical and para-medical courses. The guidelines of the scheme are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/ pdfnews/ 2773585_final-NER-guidelines-with-annexures.pdf . An amount of Rs.3500/- p.m. for General Degree courses and Rs. 5000/- p.m. for Technical & Professional courses (including Medical & Para medical courses) will be given through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the beneficiary student.

(d) : The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development earmarks 10% of the budgeted allocations under plan head, under its various schemes, for the development of tertiary education in the NER. Further, the Ministry of Human Resource Development had launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) namely Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) which seeks to improve overall quality of existing State higher educational institutions in conformity with prescribed norms and standards. RUSA is incentivizing State Governments to reform affiliating system, governance, and academic and examination system in State higher educational institutions. The central funding under RUSA is in the ratio of 65:35 for general category states and 90:10 for special category States (including North Eastern States).